

In the Claims

Claims 1 through 13 (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Cancelled)

16. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the switching of the recording and the playback are also initiatable by driver-controlled switches at the deck.

17. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the switching of the player is automatically effected a predetermined time after dictation recording.

18. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the switching of the player is automatically effected after a predetermined number of dictation recordings.

19. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which the initiation of said control switch switching is also effectable by a driver-operated switch button located at the steering wheel structure.

20. (Previously Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 25 and in which initiation of said switching is effected optionally by driver live voice-command actuated switches and by switching buttons.

21. (Previously Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle entertainment deck including each of (1) a pre-recorded storage medium player and (2) a driver live dictation recorder/player components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to operationally access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone ~~optionally both separately from accessing said component and simultaneously therewith~~, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components (1) and (2) on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated separate voice commands for respectively enabling separate operation of each of said predetermined entertainment deck components (1) and (2) and also of the cellular radio telephone ~~optionally both separately from said component operation and simultaneously therewith~~, namely, a voice command for the storage-medium player, a separate voice command for the dictation recorder, and a separate voice command for the cellular radio telephone; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver selectively speaking such predesignated separate voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the individual activating of the corresponding control switch.

24. (Previously Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle entertainment deck including all of (1) a pre-recorded storage-medium player, (2) a live dictation recorder and (3) AM/FM radio-receiver components, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, selectively to operationally access all of said components of the entertainment deck, all in a live and diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated separate driver live voice commands for the separate operation of each of said components, namely, (1) a driver live voice command for the storage medium player, (2) a separate driver live voice command for the live dictation recorder, and (3) a separate driver live voice command for the AM/FM radio receiver ; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver selectively speaking such predesignated separate voice commands live at the said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the individual selective activating of the corresponding entertainment component control switch, thereby respectively and selectively to play from (1) the pre-recorded storage ~~media~~ medium for the entertainment of the driver, (2) to enable driver live dictation and recording, and (3) to enable the driver to listen to AM/FM radio broadcasts; and a vehicle cellular radio telephone activatable for use by the driver at the same time as the voice-controlled activating and use of said entertainment components.

26. (Previously Cancelled)

27. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein switch buttons are also provided at said steering wheel region for optionally effecting the activating of the corresponding control switches.

28. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, a plurality of vehicle entertainment deck components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, selectively to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone ~~optionally both separately from said component access and simultaneously therewith~~, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of predesignated voice commands for selective operation of each of said predetermined components and also of the cellular radio telephone ~~optionally both separately from said component operation and simultaneously therewith~~, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to said driver speaking such predesignated selected voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of the corresponding control switch.

29. (Previously Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle entertainment deck including both pre-recorded storage-medium player; and AM/FM radio receiver components, apparatus for enabling a driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, to operationally access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning each of said entertainment components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with predesignated voice commands for separate operation of each of said predetermined components, namely a driver live voice command for the storage medium player and a separate driver live voice command for the AM/FM radio receiver; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the individual selective activating of the corresponding entertainment component control switch, thereby respectively and selectively to play from the pre-recorded storage medium for the entertainment of the driver and to enable the driver to listen to AM/FM radio broadcasts; and a vehicle cellular radio telephone activatable for use by the driver at the same time as the voice-controlled actuating and use of said entertainment components.

31. (Previously Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region and a vehicle entertainment deck including storage-medium entertainment player/recorder components, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, selectively to access said

components in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with predesignated driver live voice commands for selective operation of said components, namely, a driver live voice command for playing from the storage medium player for the entertainment of the driver and a separate driver live voice command for activating the recorder ; the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver selectively expressing such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the selective activating of the corresponding control switch of said components respectively to play/record at the vehicle; and a vehicle cellular radio telephone activatable for use by the driver at the same time as the voice-controlled actuating and use of said entertainment components.

32. (Currently Withdrawn) ~~The apparatus of claim 31 wherein the vehicle also contains a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by said driver in the vehicle, while seated at the steering wheel region, to also access the cellular radio telephone in a diversionless manner with full attention to the driving, said apparatus comprising comprises a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone; and further voice-controlled switching means programmed with a further predesignated separate voice command for enabling the separate operation of the cellular radio telephone and also optionally operation simultaneously with the activating of said components; the further voice-controlled switching means being responsive to the driver speaking such further predesignated~~

~~command live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the activating of said cellular radio telephone control switch also to transmit over the radio telephone.~~

33. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, a vehicle entertainment deck including recorder REC and player PL components and a vehicle cellular radio telephone transmitter TX for selective use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel region of the vehicle, selectively to access said REC and PL components of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular radio telephone transmitter; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of separate predesignated voice commands for respective selective operation of said components REC and PL and also of the cellular radio telephone transmitter TX, the voice-controlled switching means being responsive to said driver selectively speaking such predesignated voice commands live at said steering wheel region for thereupon effecting the selective activating of the corresponding control switch.

34. (Previously Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein said driver voice-controlled switching means includes a control switch responsive to a separate voice command for transmitting stored or dictated information of said player or recorder

component over the cellular radio telephone ~~during said operation simultaneously therewith.~~

36. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein the voice-controlled switching means includes a control switch responsive to a separate voice command for transmitting stored or received information of said storage-medium player or radio receiver components over the ~~a simultaneously operated~~ cellular radio telephone.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 32 wherein the voice-controlled switching means includes a control switch responsive to a separate voice command for transmitting played or recorded information of ~~said~~ the player/recorder components over the cellular radio telephone ~~during said operation simultaneously therewith.~~

38. (Currently Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a plurality of vehicle entertainment deck components and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver selectively to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus comprising separate voice-controlled switching means for respectively selectively turning each of said plurality of components on and off in response to predesignated corresponding respective separate voice commands, and voice-controlled switching means for selectively activating the cellular radio telephone for use by the driver ~~optionally both separately from the activation of any of said~~



~~components, and simultaneously therewith,~~ to permit driver use of the cellular radio telephone at the same time as the use of the entertainment deck components.

39. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said components include a dictation recorder, and means is provided operable when the recorder is operated simultaneously with the operation of the cellular radio telephone, for enabling recording of a driver's dictation on the recorder simultaneously with relaying said dictation also over the cellular radio telephone.

40. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said components include a dictation recorder and dictation play-back player, and means is provided operable when the player is operated simultaneously with the operation of the cellular radio telephone, for enabling the play-back player to relay the played-back dictation over the cellular radio telephone.

41. (Previously added) The apparatus as claimed in claim 40 wherein the played-back dictation is automatically effected a predetermined time after the dictation recording.

42. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 40 wherein the played-back dictation is effected after a predetermined number of dictation recordings.

43. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said components include a pre-recorded disc or tape player, and means is provided operable simultaneously with the operation of the cellular telephone, for enabling relaying the pre-recorded contents of the playing disc or tape over the cellular radio telephone.

44. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the driver is also enabled to listen in the vehicle to the playing disc or tape as well.

45. (Previously added) The apparatus of claim 38 wherein said components include radio receiving equipment of AM/FM broadcast transmissions, and means is provided operable simultaneously with the operation of the cellular telephone, for enabling relaying the received radio transmission over the cellular radio telephone.

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45 wherein the driver is also enabled to listen in the vehicle to the reception of the radio transmission.